

### Claims

1. Batter board apparatus for use in building construction, said apparatus comprising:

first and second sleeve members hingedly connected and adapted to slidingly receive first ends of first and second elongated board members, respectively, for hinged movement between parallel positions adjacent each other and positions mutually perpendicular to each other, said first and second sleeve members being provided at said hinged connection with a common tubular member the axis of which is perpendicular to said hinged movement;

third and fourth sleeve members adapted to receive second ends of said first and second elongated boards, respectively, each of said third and fourth sleeve members being provided with a tubular member the axis of which would be perpendicular to said elongated board members when engaging said third and fourth sleeve members, and

three rod members, one for each of said tubular members, which may be driven into the ground and the upper ends of which are engageable with a respective one of said tubular members to support said apparatus and said first and second elongated board members in a generally L-shaped disposition substantially horizontal to the ground.

2. Batter board apparatus as set forth in Claim 1 in which each of said rod members is provided at predetermined distance from said upper ends thereof with a stop surface against which a respective one of said tubular members will rest when engaged by said rod member.

3. Batter board apparatus as set forth in Claim 1 in which the said tubular member of each of said third and fourth sleeve members is located at the outer ends of its respective sleeve member.

4. Batter board apparatus as set forth in Claim 1 in which said first, second, third and fourth sleeve members are sized to receive the ends of 1" x 4" boards.

5. Batter board apparatus as set forth in Claim 1 in which said first, second, third and fourth sleeve members are sized to receive ends of 2" x 4" boards.

6. Batter board apparatus as set forth in Claim 1 including one or more additional rod members which may be driven into the ground and the upper end of each which is provided with a tubular portion which is engageable by the lower end of a respective one of said three rod members previously set forth in Claim 1 to raise the level of said apparatus and said first and second elongated board members above the ground.

7. Batter board apparatus as set forth in Claim 6 in which the lower end of at least one of said previously set forth rods is provided with one or more outwardly biased latch members which, upon engagement of said lower end of said rod member with said tubular portion provided at the upper end of a respective one of said additional rod members is engageable with one or more latch recesses of said tubular portion to assist in removal of said one of said additional rod members from the ground.

8. Batter board apparatus as set forth in Claim 1 in which said first, second, third and fourth sleeve members, while engaged by first and second ends of said first and second elongated board members but with said rod members disengaged therefrom, may be pivoted about said hinged connection so that said first and second board members lie side by side and said sleeves and boards may be transported as a combined unit.

9. Batter board apparatus as set forth in Claim 1 in which each of said sleeve members is provided with one or more set screws engageable with said boards when engaged thereby to secure said sleeves to the ends of said boards.